

Docket No.: 211110US0DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Yasuhiro MIHARA et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: NOVEL MICROORGANISMS AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING XYLITOL OR D-XYLULOSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, SEQUENCE LISTING, AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment.

Page 1, before line 1, please insert

--This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/347,001, filed on July 2, 1999, now pending.--

Page 17, replace the paragraph starting on line 3 and ending on line 20 with the following paragraph:

--The multiple sequence alignment and evolution distance calculation can be performed by, for example, using a commercially available software such as CLUSTAL W